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Dobb named interim provost

Linda Dobb, dean of Libraries and Learning Resources, has been appointed interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, President Sidney Ribeau announced Friday.

Dobb, whose appointment is effective June 7, succeeds Charles Middleton, who on June 1 will become vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University System of Maryland.

Ribeau said Dobb will serve in the interim position until a permanent dean is appointed. A national search will get under way this summer, he said.

He also said that an interim library dean will be appointed later.

Ribeau said that Dobb's technical background and leadership abilities were key to her selection as interim provost. "I consulted with a number of people, including Faculty Senate, and Dr. Dobb was frequently mentioned as being quite capable of performing the duties of provost," he said.

"I think this will be a popular choice," said C.J. Cranny, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "She has developed a strong sense of collegiality with the deans and will work well with them."

Dobb came to Bowling Green in 1995 from San Francisco State University, where she was assistant library director.

As dean of Libraries and

Learning Resources, she has been instrumental in the creation of Jerome Library's Electronic Reading Center and Ramona Cormier Faculty Reading Room. The library has also "generated a significant amount of development dollars and gifts-in-kind, and completed some significant physical improvements" during her tenure, Ribeau said.

Dobb has also written successful partnership grants with the Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont and with Kent State University.

Among her campus memberships is the Strategic Planning Committee for Technology.

She has published many articles on technology and management issues, covering such topics as evaluation of technology vendors, electronic copyright, business practices in libraries, video game regulation and retreats as a response to technological change.

Later this month, she will deliver an invited paper to the Max Planck Society of Munich, Germany, on electronic access to scientific information.

Dobb received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley; her master's degree in library science from Simmons College, Boston, Mass.; and her doctorate from Hastings College of Law, San Francisco.

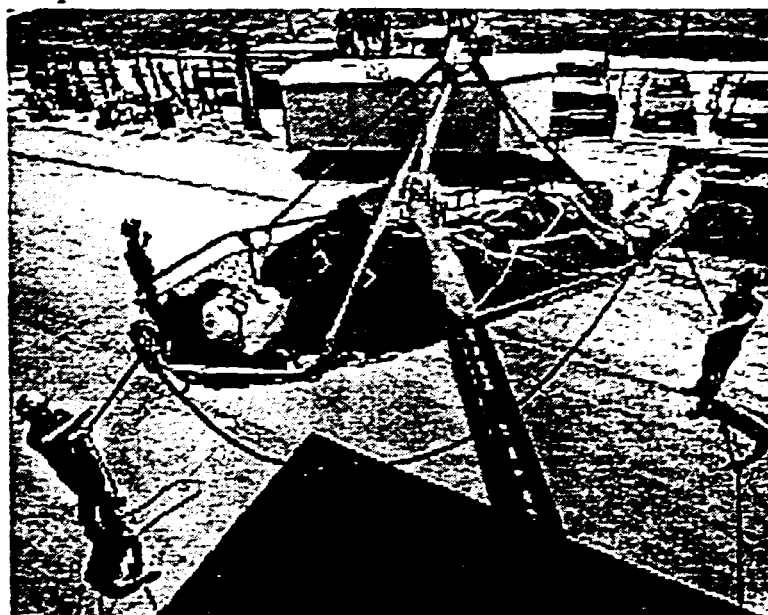
Klopfenstein, telecommunications; Dennis Wojtkiewicz, art; Richard Kennell, music performance studies; and David Weis, family and consumer sciences.

Elevated to associate professor were: Sergey Shpectorov, mathematics and statistics; Roger Thibault, biological sciences; Joy Potthoff, family and consumer sciences; Bonna Boettcher and Nancy Down, both Libraries and Learning Resources.

Receiving both a promotion to associate professor and tenure were: Sharona Ben-Tov and

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Rope rescue



Victim/patient Doug Shell of Columbus is lowered to the ground while fellow firefighters Brian Summerlin (left) of the Mantua Shalersville Fire Department and Mark Miller (right) of Forest Park keep a tight grip on the ropes during rescue training May 12 at Perry Stadium. The firefighters were among hundreds on campus last week for the 54th annual State Fire School.

B.G.'s Best honored

Eight administrative staff members received the second annual B.G. Best awards at Administrative Staff Council's spring reception May 13 at Mileti Alumni Center.

Nominations were based upon benefiting the BGSU community via one or more of the following criteria: implementing a new idea or program; improving program and/or service quality; showing commitment by voluntary involvement in campus/community activities; providing excellent customer service; and demonstrating commitment to the core values.

The recipients, and reasons their nominators felt they should be recognized, were:

- Patricia Booth, WBGU-TV, for her involvement in campus/community activities as educational resources manager for the Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation and as a volunteer for various charities.

- General Counsel Nancy Footer, who was nominated by two people. One cited her commitment to the core values, while the other said that "the wide and diverse range of responsibilities that Nancy shoulders" meets all criteria.

- Vicki Knauerhase, family and consumer sciences, for

improving program and/or service quality, showing commitment via voluntary participation in activities and providing excellent customer service, all involving her work at the Child Development Center.

- Naomi Lee, College of Technology, who was nominated under all five criteria for her efforts as assistant to the dean and director of undergraduate programs.

- Phyllis Short, information technology services, for her work with the Office of Registration and Records on beneficial programs, particularly Schedule 25, the automatic room scheduling package.

- Lois Sonnenberg, continuing education, international and summer programs, for excellent customer service provided as assistant director of adult learner services and evening programs.

- Suzanne Sopa, development, who "could be nominated in any category," according to her nominator. Examples of her work as director of annual giving were cited, as was her volunteerism on campus and off.

- Andy Wickiser, psychology, for customer service provided during the psychology department's move to Conklin Hall last summer.

Trustees approve promotions, tenure

Six faculty members were promoted to full professor status by the Board of Trustees May 7.

Five faculty were elevated to associate professor, and 23 received that same promotion plus tenure. Tenure was granted to three others as well.

The trustees also granted emeritus status to Stephen Skomp, finance, who retired Dec. 31, and Ruth Wilson, intervention services, who will retire in August.

Promoted to professor were: Alberto Gonzalez, interpersonal communication; Carl Holmberg, popular culture; Bruce

Holds email discussion

ASC recommends raises for administrative staff

Salaries and email were the dominant issues on Administrative Staff Council's May 6 agenda.

Among ASC's action items was a recommendation for administrative staff pay raises of 5-7 percent for 1999-2000.

Council's salary committee presented charts which compared Bowling Green with 10 other state universities in terms of pay for comparable positions.

One chart showed the University as ranking seventh on average among the 11 institutions this decade. BGSU was fifth this year, trailing fourth-place Miami by 4.38 percent and third-place Ohio University by 8.89 percent in average salary among comparable positions, the second chart indicated.

While "incremental progress has been made," salary increases of 5-7 percent "would bring us closer to salaries commensurate with our cohort institutions, allow the merit process to function as designed, and continue our progress toward becoming a premier learning community," the salary committee noted.

The merit process was discussed further, with ASC Chair Deborah Boyce saying that all but a relative few staff are expected to qualify this year, and what would have been their merit pay is to go into their professional development next year.

The bigger concern, she said, is the number of units which still don't have merit criteria in place. That was supposed to be done before the transition to 100 percent merit pay, which the Board of Trustees mandated for this year last June. She said she hopes a communique clarifying

the situation will be out soon.

Responding to email questions from ASC members was Ann-Marie Lancaster, vice provost for technology and chief information officer, who again acknowledged the inconvenience wrought by email problems and said a full report is being prepared on the issue.

ASC representatives had been asked to seek their constituents' input prior to the meeting. The request was prompted by a call from University Computing Council members, past and present, for reactivation of the previous email system to supplement the new one on an interim basis.

Several ASC members relayed concerns—with system reliability, attachments and students switching to other email accounts, among others—and Janice Peterson, continuing education, international & summer programs, asked directly why the previous system couldn't be reactivated.

"I don't see any reason for doing it," Lancaster replied. She added that focus should be on finding solutions—which she said are "getting close"—to the problems with the new system.

She noted later that her office has heard email and network complaints for more than a year. Network changes made in some buildings are a "stopgap measure" until a new infrastructure is in place in a couple years, she said. And, she continued, offices have been asking about availability of functions besides email which the previous system couldn't provide.

That system "was everything it was going to be," Lancaster said.

Trustees

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Wendell Mayo, both English; Bradford Clark, theatre; Narasaiah Gavini, Jeffrey Miner and Paul Moore, all biological sciences; Fabrice Leroy and Opportune Zongo, both romance languages; Angela Nelson, popular culture; Lisa Nelson, political science; Linda Pertusati, ethnic studies; Peter Shields, telecommunications; Yu Zhou, geography; Patricia Essex, accounting and management information systems; Janet Hartley, management; Grace Montepiedra and Bai-Yau Yeh, both applied statistics and operations research; Stephen Newell, marketing; Rebecca Pobocik, family and consumer sciences; Patricia Shewokis, human movement, sport and leisure studies; David Harnish, music composition and history; Salim Elwazani, visual communication and technology education; and D. David Sapp, art and humanities, Firelands College.

Also granted tenure were: Lynda Dixon, interpersonal communication; Scott Highhouse, psychology; and Linda Brown, Libraries and Learning Resources.

Faculty promotion and/or tenure is based upon demonstrated excellence in teaching, research/creative activities and service.

In other business May 7, the trustees:

- Approved a general policy on use of University space and facilities.

- Approved preparation of plans and cost estimates for the renovation of Conklin Hall, which now houses the psychology department but will be used again as a residence hall come the fall of 2000.

- Approved revisions to the Student Code of Conduct, including an addition that makes students who furnish false information to any Bowling Green city official subject to disciplinary sanctions.

- Made official the naming of the "Cedar Point Center at Firelands College," and named the lecture hall in the Life Sciences Building for Jean Pasakarnis Buchanan, a 1952 BGSU graduate, longtime cytopathologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and benefactor to the biology program.

Four programs, awards to bear DeCrane's name

Four newly created or existing University programs and awards have been named in honor of Gregory DeCrane, who recently retired as assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

The first new program is the Gregory T. DeCrane Award for Excellence in Leadership. Two \$500 awards will be given annually to one male and one female undergraduate student who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and been involved in campus activities and community service projects.

A second new program is the Gregory T. DeCrane Leadership Institute. While plans are still being developed, the institute is expected to provide select undergraduate students with workshops and other programs designed to investigate both the theory and practice of leadership. In addition, the institute

will be a resource for leaders of student organizations and programs.

Both the awards and the institute are being funded by private dollars. Persons wishing to contribute to either project may send a check, payable to the BGSU Foundation, to the foundation office in Miletic Alumni Center. Include a note identifying which program the money is to support.

More information about both programs is available from the foundation office, 2-2551.

The annual Applauding Excellence Awards Program will also be named for DeCrane, as will the graduate assistant supervisor of the year award given by the College of Education and Human Development's college student personnel program.

DeCrane, a University graduate, ended his 30-year BGSU career on April 30.

in brief

Disability services office moves

The Office of Disability Services for Students has moved from the Administration Building to 413 South Hall. The office telephone number remains 2-8495.

job postings

FACULTY

English. Instructor, poetry writing and literature. Call Ellen Berry or Alice Calderonello, co-chairs, 2-7543. Deadline: May 28.

Contact human resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

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Deadline for employees to apply is noon Friday (May 21).

Secretary 1 (C-76-S)—Student Affairs. Ten-month, full-

time position. Pay grade 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Coordinator for Internal Training and Development (M-034)—Human Resources. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: May 28.

Network Technician (98-100)—Firelands College. Search reopened; administrative grade level 10. Deadline: May 31.

Systems Programmer (V-035)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: June 4.

campus calendar

Monday, May 17

Dissertation defense, 10 a.m., 310 West Hall, by Jennifer Wood, interpersonal communication, on "A Multiperspective of Organizational Culture Creating Employee Empowerment in a Nonprofit Service Organization."

Wednesday, May 19

Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m., Taft Room, Student Union.

Dissertation defense, 11 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building, by John Steele, mathematics and statistics, on "Reliable Systems from Unreliable Components."